

REIMBURSEMENT TO CONTRACT SURGEONS.

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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR  
SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION  
FOR PAY OF THE ARMY.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
*Washington, January 13, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the Secretary of War, of the 11th instant, submitting an estimate of deficiency in the appropriation for pay, etc., of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, for reimbursement to contract surgeons under the provisions of the act of March 3, 1901, \$10,000, which it is requested may be included in the urgent deficiency bill now under consideration.

Respectfully,

L. J. GAGE, *Secretary.*

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
*Washington, January 11, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith, for transmission to Congress, an estimate (\$10,000) of a deficiency in the appropriation "Pay, etc., of the Army" required by the War Department for the use of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902.

Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT,  
*Secretary of War.*

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

## REIMBURSEMENT TO CONTRACT SURGEONS.

*Estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902,  
by the Pay Department, United States Army.*

## WAR DEPARTMENT.

## MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT.

Pay, etc., of the Army:

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| Reimbursement to contract surgeons (act of Mar. 3, 1901, vol. 31, p. 1023,<br>sec. 1) ..... | \$10,000 |
| Amount appropriated for the fiscal year for which the appropriation is<br>required .....    | 10,000   |

NOTE.—The above estimate is based upon the following letter from the Auditor for the War Department:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT,  
Washington, December 30, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to advise you that the appropriation of \$10,000 provided for reimbursement of contract or acting assistant surgeons in the general deficiency act of March 3, 1901 (31 Stat., 1023) has been completely expended; and there are claims presented and pending, identical in character with those provided for in such act, for which there is no authority for payment, the special appropriation having been exhausted.

Your attention is called to this matter that, if you deem it expedient, you may submit an estimate for appropriation to provide for the payment of other claims on the same basis as those settled under the provisions of the act of March 3, 1901. Unless an appropriation is made, all unsettled claims must be disallowed, as there is no authority for the accounting officers to certify any balances in excess of the appropriation made by Congress. It is thought that \$10,000 additional will cover all possible cases arising under the conditions of the act of March 3, 1901.

Respectfully,

T. E. RITTMAN, *Auditor.*

The SECRETARY OF WAR.

It is requested that this estimate be considered in the urgent deficiency bill.

C. C. SNIFFEN,  
*Acting Paymaster-General, U. S. A.*

PAYMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE, January 10, 1902.

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